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Maine Ranks #1 in Per Capita Personal Income Growth

Per capita personal income in Maine increased by 7.3 percent in 1987, first among the fifty states and well above the increase of 4.8 percent recorded by the nation. Three New England states; Maine, followed by Massachusetts (7.2 percent) and Connecticut (6.9 percent), recorded the largest percent changes in income.

Among the fifty states, Maine's ranking in per capita income rose steadily from 44th in 1979 to 36th in 1986. As a result of continued strong economic performance, Maine moved up another three notches to 33rd in 1987.

Maine's 1987 per capita personal income increase of 7.3 percent was the result of a gain of 1.2 percent in total population and 8.6 percent in total personal income. The gain of 8.6 percent in total personal income was substantially above the nationwide increase of 5.8 percent and also first among the fifty states.

The fastest growing component of personal income in Maine has been earnings of residents. Between the fourth quarter of 1986 and the fourth quarter of 1987, earnings increased by 10.4 percent. The most substantial earnings growth was found in those industries which have exhibited strong employment growth. The highest rates of earning growth were recorded in construction; retail trade; services; finance, insurance, and real estate; and government.

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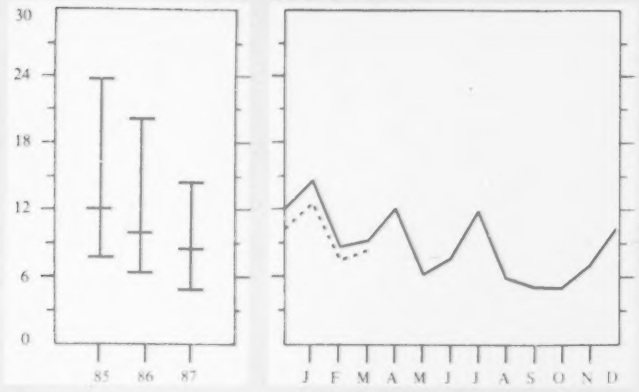
UI Initial Claims
in Thousands



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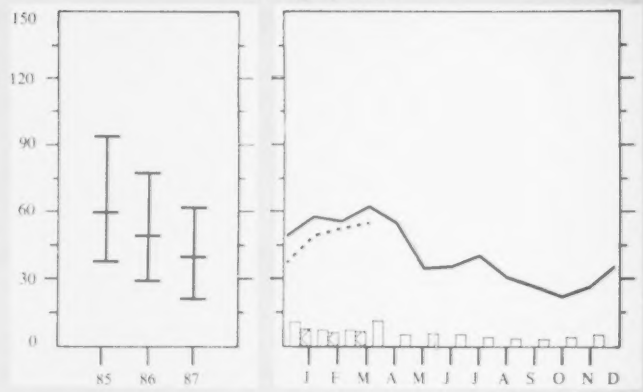


PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME, U.S. AND NEW ENGLAND STATES, 1984-1987

	DOLLARS				PERCENT CHANGE		
	1984	1985	1986	1987	1984-85	1985-86	1986-87
United States	13,114	13,908	14,636	15,340	6.1%	5.2%	4.8%
New England							
Connecticut	17,073	18,264	19,625	20,980	7.0	7.5	6.9
Maine	11,160	11,834	12,786	13,720	6.0	8.0	7.3
Massachusetts	15,230	16,324	17,657	18,926	7.2	8.2	7.2
New Hampshire	14,060	15,349	16,321	17,133	9.2	6.3	5.0
Rhode Island	13,025	13,721	14,564	15,355	5.3	6.1	5.4
Vermont	11,551	12,398	13,342	14,061	7.3	7.6	5.4

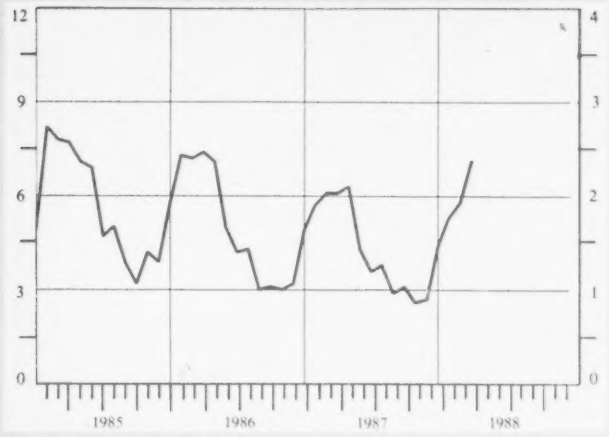
TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME, U.S. AND NEW ENGLAND STATES, 1984-1987

	MILLIONS OF DOLLARS				PERCENT CHANGE		PERCENT OF U.S.
	1984	1985	1986	1987	1985-86	1986-87	IN 1987
United States	3,101,163	3,320,346	3,528,589	3,733,719	6.3%	5.8%	100.0%
New England							
Connecticut	53,893	57,994	62,666	67,371	8.1	7.5	1.8
Maine	12,915	13,785	14,986	16,280	8.7	8.6	.4
Massachusetts	88,260	95,053	103,013	110,821	8.4	7.6	3.0
New Hampshire	13,752	15,326	16,768	18,110	9.4	8.0	.5
Rhode Island	12,505	13,265	14,195	15,140	7.0	6.7	.4
Vermont	6,122	6,633	7,219	7,708	8.8	6.8	.2

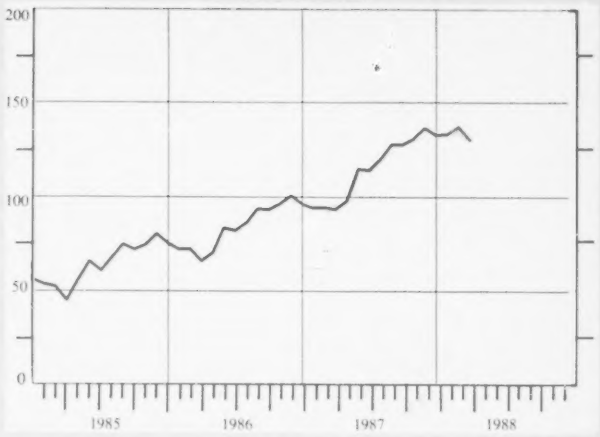
Source: An April 20, 1988 News Release entitled *State Per Capita Personal Income: The Rate of Growth Slowed in 1987*, published by the U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis.

Selected Employment Security Activities

UI Benefit Payments
in Millions
(Total Includes Maine's Portion of Extended Benefits)



Unemployment Compensation Fund Balance in Millions
(End of Month)



Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work
in Thousands

ITEM	STATEWIDE This Month	STATEWIDE Last Month	STATEWIDE Year Ago	PORTLAND MSA This Month	PORTLAND MSA Last Month	PORTLAND MSA Year Ago	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA This Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Last Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Year Ago
Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment 1/	507.0	507.1	479.7	123.0	122.8	117.0	39.9	39.8	38.5
Total Manufacturing	105.8	106.0	102.6	16.5	16.2	16.0	10.5	10.5	10.0
Durable Goods	49.5	49.7	46.6	8.2	7.9	7.6	2.8	2.8	2.8
Lumber and Wood Products	12.9	13.6	13.6	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.3	0.3	0.3
Primary and Fabricated Metals	3.5	3.5	3.5	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.8	0.8	0.8
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	4.7	4.6	4.3	2.3	2.3	2.1	0.2	0.2	0.3
Electronic and Other Electric Equipment	11.6	11.5	10.1	3.3	3.3	3.2	0.8	0.8	0.8
Transportation Equipment 2/	12.0	11.8	10.8	(d)	(d)	(d)	0.2	0.2	0.2
Other Durable Goods 3/	4.8	4.7	4.3	1.2	0.9	0.9	0.5	0.5	0.4
Nondurable Goods	56.3	56.3	56.0	8.3	8.3	8.4	7.7	7.7	7.2
Food and Kindred Products	7.2	7.3	7.6	2.0	2.0	1.9	0.9	0.9	0.8
Textile Mill Products	6.7	6.7	6.9	(d)	(d)	0.2	1.2	1.3	1.2
Apparel and Other Textile Products	3.1	3.1	3.2	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.1
Paper and Allied Products	17.0	17.0	17.0	(d)	(d)	(d)	0.5	0.5	0.6
Printing and Publishing	5.5	5.4	5.2	1.6	1.5	1.6	0.7	0.7	0.6
Rubber and Misc. Plastic Products	3.8	3.8	3.4	0.2	0.2	0.2	1.9	1.8	1.6
Leather and Leather Products	11.9	12.0	11.7	1.6	1.6	1.4	2.3	2.3	2.2
Footwear (except Rubber)	9.9	10.0	9.7	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.8	1.8	1.7
Other Nondurable Goods 4/	1.1	1.0	1.0	2.7	2.8	2.7	0.1	0.1	0.1
Total Nonmanufacturing	401.2	401.1	377.1	106.5	106.6	101.0	29.4	29.3	28.5
Construction and Mining	28.5	28.5	26.4	8.5	8.8	7.4	2.1	2.0	1.9
Building Construction	10.8	11.0	10.5	2.5	2.6	2.4	0.5	0.4	0.4
Special Trades Contractor	13.5	13.3	12.1	4.7	5.0	3.9	1.5	1.5	1.4
Transportation and Public Utilities	20.3	20.2	19.9	5.9	6.0	5.8	1.4	1.4	1.4
Wholesale Trade	24.5	24.4	22.9	9.8	9.7	9.3	1.9	2.0	1.9
Retail Trade	100.8	101.0	91.3	25.2	25.3	25.1	7.6	7.6	7.4
Food Stores	19.4	19.9	17.2	4.2	4.2	4.1	1.4	1.4	1.4
Eating and Drinking Places	29.7	29.0	26.3	7.1	7.0	7.1	2.4	2.3	2.2
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	24.9	24.9	24.1	12.3	12.2	11.6	2.3	2.2	2.1
Banking	8.8	8.8	8.5	3.0	3.1	2.9	0.9	0.9	0.8
Insurance Carriers, Brokers and Agents	10.0	10.1	9.8	5.8	5.8	5.3	0.7	0.6	0.6
Services	109.4	109.0	102.2	29.1	28.9	26.2	10.2	10.1	9.9
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	6.2	6.1	5.7	2.3	2.3	1.3	0.3	0.3	0.2
Business Services	11.3	11.3	11.1	4.8	4.7	4.5	0.9	0.9	0.9
Health Services	42.6	42.3	39.9	10.2	10.1	9.7	4.1	4.1	4.1
Federal Government	18.4	18.5	17.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	0.3	0.3	0.3
State and Local Government 5/	74.4	74.6	72.4	13.8	13.8	13.7	3.6	3.7	3.6
volved in Labor-Management Disputes	1.6	1.6	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

1/ Employment figures relate to full- and part-time wage and salary workers in pay periods including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. 2/ Transportation equipment and instruments are combined in the Lewiston series. 3/ Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: Statewide - 25, 32, 38, 39; Portland - 25, 32, 37, 38, 39; Lewiston - 25, 32, 39. 4/ Includes SIC codes: Statewide - 28, 29; Portland - 22, 26, 28, 29; Lewiston - 28, 29. 5/ Regular teachers are included in summer months whether or not specifically paid in those months. n/a - data not available in sufficient detail for publication. *Less than 50. (d) Nondisclosure item.

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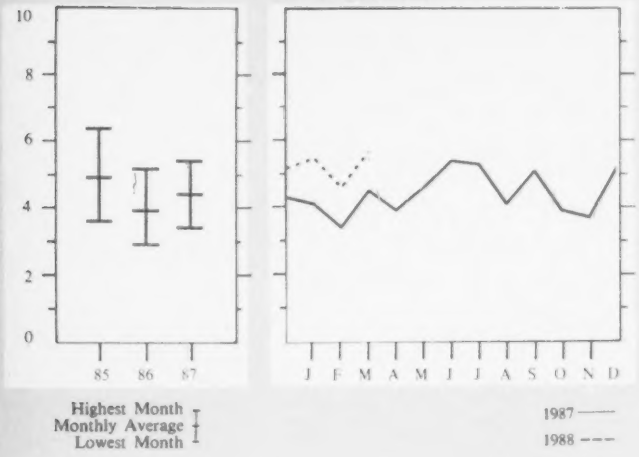
New Applications For Work

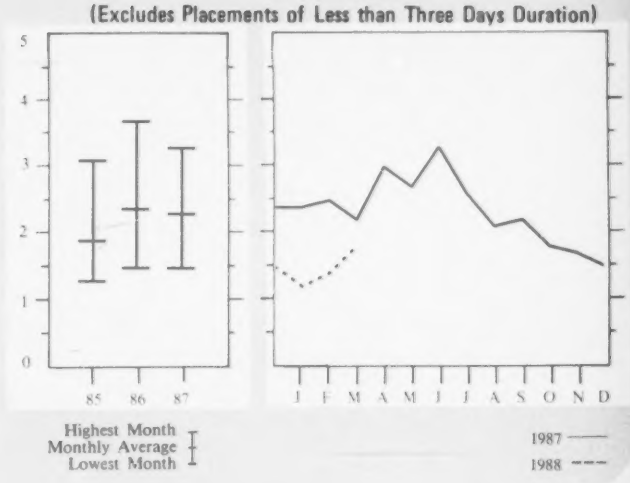
in Thousands



Nonfarm Placements

in Thousands

(Excludes Placements of Less than Three Days Duration)



Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS			ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	1987	1986	1985
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	$361.21	$356.00	$363.21	41.0	40.0	41.7	$8.81	$8.90	$8.71	$8.77	$8.65	$8.40
Durable Goods	348.10	344.83	357.26	42.4	41.1	43.2	8.21	8.39	8.27	8.32	8,52	8.46
Lumber and Wood Products	331.71	346.04	320.26	40.7	41.0	41.7	8.15	8.44	7.58	7.82	7.74	8.06
Primary and Fabricated Metals	412.67	391.61	369.98	49.6	44.2	41.9	8.32	8.86	8.83	8.94	8.58	8.25
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	433.29	392.94	401.02	50.5	44.5	43.4	8.58	8.83	9.24	9.20	9.62	9.11
Electronic and Other Electric Equipment	342.34	338.66	330.79	41.8	41.0	41.4	8.19	8.26	7.99	8.03	7.94	7.57
Other Durable Goods	329.27	324.32	398.64	40.6	39.6	46.3	8.11	8.19	8.61	8.60	9.41	9.50
Nondurable Goods	373.72	365.27	368.04	39.8	38.9	40.4	9.39	9.39	9.11	9.18	8.76	8.31
Food and Kindred Products	262.08	251.69	254.83	36.0	35.3	35.1	7.28	7.13	7.26	7.16	7.00	6.63
Textile Mill Products	305.63	283.50	310.03	39.9	37.8	43.0	7.66	7.50	7.21	7.35	7.04	6.64
Apparel and Other Textile Products	225.89	207.74	212.86	36.2	34.0	36.2	6.24	6.11	5.88	5.92	5.73	5.83
Paper and Allied Products	605.24	605.22	593.13	44.7	44.6	44.9	13.54	13.57	13.21	13.43	12.70	12.25
Leather and Leather Products	237.97	236.60	239.27	37.3	36.4	37.8	6.38	6.50	6.33	6.34	6.05	5.93
Other Nondurable Goods	327.25	315.00	328.28	38.5	37.5	39.6	8.50	8.40	8.29	8.28	8.00	7.51
PORTLAND MSA												
Manufacturing	399.93	377.85	366.68	42.5	39.9	39.9	9.41	9.47	9.19	9.13	9.17	8.90
LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA												
Manufacturing	320.85	304.98	291.53	41.4	39.0	40.1	7.75	7.82	7.27	7.40	7.19	6.78

Female Labor Force in Maine

in Thousands

ITEM	This Month 1/	Last Month 1/	Year Ago 2/
Labor Force	257.9	258.5	246.8
Unemployed	11.8	11.9	13.4
(Percent)	4.6%	4.6%	5.4%
Resident Employed	246.1	246.6	233.4

U.S. Consumer Price Index

BASE PERIOD	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec
(1982-1984 = 100) All Items (CPI-U)	116.5	116.0	112.1	115.4

Percent Change for Past Month	+0.4%
Percent Change from Last December	+1.0%
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago	+3.9%

1/ Preliminary estimates 2/ Revised

Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

in Thousands

AREA 1/	LABOR FORCE 2/			RESIDENT EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYMENT Number			UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
MAINE-Statewide	583.0	585.0	560.2	552.5	554.3	529.4	30.5	30.7	30.8	5.2	5.2	5.5
MAJOR LABOR MARKETS												
Bangor MSA	41,500	42,000	41,300	39,800	40,100	39,100	1,700	1,900	2,200	4.1	4.5	5.3
Lewiston-Auburn MSA	41,700	42,000	40,800	39,400	39,700	38,300	2,300	2,300	2,500	5.5	5.5	6.1
Portland MSA	123,600	124,400	118,100	120,300	121,000	114,700	3,300	3,400	3,400	2.7	2.7	2.9
Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA 3/	n/a	n/a	124,700	n/a	n/a	121,100	n/a	n/a	3,600	n/a	n/a	2.9
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta	33,520	33,690	32,310	31,800	31,930	30,380	1,720	1,760	1,930	5.1	5.2	6.0
Bath-Brunswick	28,480	28,580	27,320	27,360	27,520	26,220	1,120	1,060	1,100	3.9	3.7	4.0
Belfast	11,870	11,480	11,100	10,400	10,290	10,010	1,470	1,190	1,090	12.4	10.4	9.8
Biddeford	26,480	26,330	25,190	25,300	25,250	23,990	1,180	1,080	1,200	4.5	4.1	4.8
Boothbay Harbor-Wiscasset	13,510	13,120	12,460	12,790	12,530	11,890	720	590	570	5.3	4.5	4.6
Calais-Eastport	14,190	14,180	13,040	12,590	12,630	11,570	1,600	1,550	1,470	11.3	10.9	11.3
Caribou-Presque Isle	21,630	21,500	21,090	19,730	19,600	18,910	1,900	1,900	2,180	8.8	8.8	10.3
Central Penobscot	2,670	2,790	2,640	2,500	2,600	2,440	170	190	200	6.4	6.8	7.6
Dover-Foxcroft	6,800	6,970	6,680	6,420	6,450	6,250	380	520	430	5.6	7.5	6.4
Ellsworth	21,210	21,030	20,120	19,330	19,150	18,260	1,880	1,880	1,860	8.9	8.9	9.2
Farmington	12,690	12,780	12,290	12,010	12,110	11,550	680	670	740	5.4	5.2	6.0
Fort Kent-Allagash	4,930	5,390	5,090	4,490	4,990	4,550	440	400	540	8.9	7.4	10.6
Greenville	1,310	1,490	1,300	1,240	1,420	1,230	70	70	70	5.3	4.7	5.4
Houlton	6,030	6,020	5,800	5,670	5,700	5,430	360	320	370	6.0	5.3	6.4
Kittery-York 3/	29,130	29,170	27,790	28,510	28,420	27,260	620	750	530	2.1	2.6	1.9
Lincoln-Howland	5,440	5,610	5,210	5,160	5,300	4,880	280	310	330	5.1	5.5	6.3
Livermore Falls	3,980	4,030	4,110	3,680	3,680	3,800	300	350	310	7.5	8.7	7.5
Madawaska-Van Buren	3,900	3,930	3,600	3,450	3,490	3,160	450	440	440	11.5	11.2	12.2
Millinocket-East Millinocket	3,920	3,990	4,030	3,690	3,730	3,790	230	260	240	5.9	6.5	6.0
Norway-Paris	12,280	12,280	11,300	11,670	11,600	10,610	610	680	690	5.0	5.5	6.1
Patten-Island Falls	2,340	2,330	2,250	2,160	2,160	2,080	180	170	170	7.7	7.3	7.6
Rockland	18,090	18,030	16,980	17,010	16,910	16,090	1,080	1,120	890	6.0	6.2	5.2
Rumford	8,560	8,650	8,350	7,920	7,960	7,740	640	690	610	7.5	8.0	7.3
Sanford	16,370	16,290	15,260	15,490	15,490	14,370	880	800	890	5.4	4.9	5.8
Sebago Lakes Region	10,740	10,720	10,700	10,280	10,300	10,300	460	420	400	4.3	3.9	3.7
Skowhegan	22,090	22,160	21,520	20,420	20,390	19,990	1,670	1,770	1,530	7.6	8.0	7.1
Southwest Penobscot	10,480	10,440	10,080	9,570	9,520	9,270	910	920	810	8.7	8.8	8.0
Waterville	23,600	23,660	22,420	22,380	22,360	21,290	1,220	1,300	1,130	5.2	5.5	5.0
OTHER NEW ENGLAND STATES												
Connecticut	n/a	1,689.2	1,736.2	n/a	1,628.3	1,670.9	n/a	60.9	65.2	n/a	3.6	3.8
Massachusetts	3,169.0	3,101.0	3,057.9	3,055.0	2,985.0	2,921.4	114.0	116.0	136.5	3.6	3.7	4.5
New Hampshire	n/a	585.7	567.2	n/a	567.3	550.6	n/a	18.4	16.6	n/a	3.1	2.9
Rhode Island	520.5	518.5	511.5	499.3	496.0	487.5	21.2	22.5	24.0	4.1	4.3	4.7
Vermont	298.2	300.9	289.2	287.2	288.7	275.6	11.0	12.2	13.6	3.7	4.0	4.7
NEW ENGLAND STATES	n/a	6,780.3	6,722.1	n/a	6,519.6	6,435.4	n/a	260.7	286.7	n/a	3.8	4.3
UNITED STATES 4/	119,957	119,942	118,353	112,867	112,460	110,229	7,090	7,482	8,124	5.9	6.2	6.9

MSA-Metropolitan Statistical Area

Note

n/a indicates that the information was not available at the time of printing. Employment and unemployment may not add to labor force due to rounding.

Footnotes

1/ Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each labor market area have been benchmarked to and extrapolated from the Current Population Survey estimates for the state. All data adjusted to place of residence basis. Excludes members of the Armed Forces.

2/ Current and last month figures preliminary; year ago figures revised.

3/ Kittery-York is the eight-town Maine portion of the Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA which includes towns in both Maine and New Hampshire.

4/ National estimates based on a sample of household visits; state estimates based on enlargements of employment figures reported.

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Mid-Month Insured Unemployment (Less Partials)

ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND MSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Number of Continued-Week Claimants	10,552	10,549	11,427	1,064	1,059	1,248	801	823	943
Insured Unemployment Rate *	2.2	2.2	2.5	1.0	1.0	1.2	2.2	2.2	2.6

* Should not be confused with insured unemployment rates as defined in the Employment Security Law.

Plan to attend the... **$15.00 registration fee includes lunch**

INTERNATIONAL TRADE CONFERENCE

June 9, 1988 at the Sheraton Tara Hotel, South Portland

Agenda

9:00	Registration	
9:30	Welcoming Remarks and Introductions	**Mary Lou Dyer,** *Executive Director* Bureau of Employment Security Maine Department of Labor
9:40	The U.S. Bureau of the Census and the Census Data Center Program	**Arthur Dukakis,** *Regional Director* U.S. Bureau of the Census, Boston
9:50	Improved Decision-Making Statistics on Foreign Trade	**Don Adams,** *Chief* Foreign Trade Division U.S. Bureau of the Census, Wash. D.C.
10:45	The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics: Federal-State Programs	**Anthony Ferrara,** *Regional Commissioner* U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Boston
10:55	Tracking Prices in the Import and Export Markets	**William Alterman,** *Chief* International Price Indexes Division U.S.Bureau of Labor Statistics, Wash. D.C.
12:00	Break	
12:30	Lunch *An International Trade Banker's View*	**Kenneth Nadler,** *Vice President* International Corporate Banking Department State Street Bank and Trust Company, Boston
1:45	Panel Discussion with Audience Participation	Moderator: **Stephen Nyulaszi,** *Director* U.S. International Trade Administration, Augusta Panelists: **Jan Cysarz,** *General Manager* Laurel Industrial Textiles, Skowhegan **Patrick Murphy,** *President* Pan Atlantic Consultants, Portland **Bob Ziegelaar,** *President* Airmark, Bangor and *Vice Chairman* Maine World Trade Association
3:00	Closing Remarks and Adjournment	**Raynold Fongemie,** *Division Director* Economic Analysis and Research Bureau of Employment Security

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